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## Over \$2 Million In Research Grants Awarded At Tower of Hope Gala

By Laura Coleman

Leaders in entertainment, politics, business and medicine joined together Wednesday evening at The Beverly Hilton for Tower Cancer Research Foundation's Tower of Hope Gala. This year's annual event honored Kenneth Adashek, MD, James Belardi, chairman/CEO of Athene Asset

Management LLC and Athene Holding Ltd., and Skechers USA, Inc., the lifestyle footwear company.

At the gala, more than \$2 million in research grants was awarded, including a \$1 million Discovery Fund grant to create an innovative mesothelioma study in Southern California.

The Discovery Fund is a new initiative for the foundation and encourages the pursuit of high-risk, high-reward research projects by providing scientists with funding upfront, thereby removing barriers to entry. The fund's inaugural grantee is the Cedars-Sinai Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute.



**TOWER OF HOPE**— Pictured, from left: Abby Levy, Dr. Barry Rosenbloom, Sally Magaram, Dr. Sol Hamburg (TCRF president), Nancy Mishkin (TCRF chairman of the board) and Andrew Raines.